

hard work and determination. Even after a Federal buyout in 2000 relocated many residents of Churchs Ferry from the rising flood waters of Devils Lake, some residents remained. These 10 residents have persevered and worked extremely hard to keep Churchs Ferry alive. Paul Christenson is the mayor, mechanic, and mower of the community's 30 acres of grass and takes great pride in keeping Churchs Ferry beautiful. Two new businesses have opened, including Gardendwellers Farm, which grows custom crops for wineries and restaurants and offers horticulture tours and workshops, and Water's Edge Dog Boarding kennel.

Visitors who pass through Churchs Ferry still see that the street signs are up and can drive by city hall, the post office, Kat's Korral bar, Paul's Repair shop, the Zion Lutheran Church, a museum, the Masonic Temple and the former school's gym/kitchen/stage addition that was purchased by the school's alumni association. The 125th anniversary celebration started off Friday, June 27, with a 1-mile walk and concluded on Sunday with a polka church service.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Churchs Ferry, ND, and its residents on their 125th anniversary and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Churchs Ferry and all the other historic small towns of ND, we keep the pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Churchs Ferry that have helped shape this country into what it is today, which is why this community is deserving of our recognition.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF GUELPH, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased to honor a community in North Dakota that recently celebrated its 125th anniversary. On July 12 and 13, the residents of Guelph gathered to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Guelph is located in Dickey County in southeastern North Dakota. It was founded in 1886 as a station for the Great Northern Rail Road. The post office was established on March 8, 1887, and its postmaster, Silas R. Dales, named the town for his hometown of Guelph, Ontario.

Although its population is small, Guelph is a popular destination because of its proximity to the James River for recreational boating and fishing. In addition, there are eight farms in the community that have been in the same families for 100 years.

The celebratory events on July 12 included a performance by the Guelph Community Band and Chorus, an all-school reunion, children's games, pony rides, a Shine and Show classic car/collectible vehicle show, a banquet and a dance. Activities for July 13 included a turkey barbeque, children's games and a tractor pull. Also, the anniversary

committee created memorabilia rooms representing the former Guelph school classes, and the town of Guelph. Video presentations of the community history and past celebrations were available for viewing throughout the week-end.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Guelph, ND, and its residents on their 125th anniversary and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Guelph and all other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. Communities such as Guelph have helped shape this Nation into what it is today, which is why this community is deserving of our recognition.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF HAVANA, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased today to recognize a community in North Dakota that recently celebrated its 125th anniversary. On July 4-6, the residents of Havana gathered to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Havana is a town of nearly 100 inhabitants. It is located in southeast North Dakota. Originally, the town was named Weber, but it was subsequently changed to Havana to avoid confusion with a town of a similar sounding name on the same railroad line. Havana was incorporated in 1904. By 1913, the town claimed a population of 450. In its early days, Havana had numerous general stores, pool halls, hotels, businesses dedicated to agriculture, a newspaper and an opera house.

Today, Havana offers its citizens plenty of leisure activities. Residents can enjoy a game of baseball at Williamson Park. The town maintains a grocery store and a post office. The Havana Civic Center hosts events for Havana's citizens. One of the favorite gathering places of residents of Havana is the town's café, the Farmer's Inn.

Havana's anniversary celebration began with a parade. In addition to many other activities, the community hosted a craft show, a banquet at the Havana Civic Center, a street dance, and fireworks display. Havana held a music festival, featuring bluegrass and gospel music, on the last day of the celebration. One of the highlights of Havana's festivities was the All School Reunion, which brought together former classmates of Havana School.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Havana, ND and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Havana and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places like Havana that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this community is deserving of our recognition.

Havana has a proud past and a bright future.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF MINNEWAUKAN, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased to honor a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 125th anniversary. On July 25 through July 27, the residents of Minnewaukan will celebrate their community's history and founding.

Minnewaukan is a small town with a population of 318 residents located in Benson County in northeastern North Dakota. In 1883, the town site was founded as one of several sites competing for the important Northern Pacific Railroad connection at the west end of Devils Lake. It became the county seat in 1884. The name is based on the Indian name Mini Waukon Chante, meaning water of bad spirits. The post office was established on March 12, 1884, by Thomas B. Ware. In 1898, Minnewaukan became a city.

Today, Minnewaukan remains a proud community that has a prosperous economy consisting of farming, service businesses, outdoor tourism, computer processing and retail businesses. Like so many smaller rural communities in North Dakota, Minnewaukan is a tight-knit town where everyone knows their neighbor. The Minnewaukan Community Club is a valuable asset to the community. The efforts of the club have successfully established a thriving fish cleaning station and boat ramp in the area.

Minnewaukan is a great place for enjoying the outdoors all year round, including hunting, fishing, boating, and camping. People from across the State and Nation are drawn by the lengthy seasons and abundant populations of waterfowl and fish. Grahams Island State Park provides citizens of the community and tourists an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of North Dakota through hiking, canoeing, biking, horseback riding and cross-country skiing.

The community has planned a wonderful weekend celebration to commemorate its 125th anniversary. Current and former residents of Minnewaukan will gather to celebrate this special occasion. The celebration includes an all-school reunion, a 5k walk/run, parade, fireworks display, concerts, and much more.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Minnewaukan, ND, and its residents on their 125th anniversary and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Minnewaukan and all the other historic towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Minnewaukan that have helped shape this country into what it is today, which is why this community is deserving of our recognition.

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